

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joachim FRANK et al.
Serial No. Unassigned Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: Herewith Art Unit: Unassigned
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE
AUTOMATIC SEPARATING AND INDEXING OF
MULTI-SPEAKER CONVERSATIONS

November 30, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Delete all paragraphs of the abstract (Pages 20-21) and replace them with the following paragraph:

— Disclosed are a method and apparatus for processing a continuous audio stream containing human speech in order to locate a particular speech-based transaction in the audio stream, applying both known speaker recognition and speech recognition techniques. Only the utterances of a particular predetermined speaker are transcribed thus providing an index and a summary of the underlying dialogue(s). In a first scenario, an incoming audio stream, e.g. a speech call from outside, is scanned in order to detect audio

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